

Students bid farewell to arena-style registration

By SUSAN KUHLMANN

By 2:30 p.m. Friday, the crowds of the previous three days had all but disappeared in the Fieldhouse. Monitors displayed long lines of closed classes as signs and tables were taken down.

At 3 o'clock, a voice announced, "Registration is now closed," and was answered with cheers from the few remaining students. So ended the fall 1985 registration.

Registrar William Gerbracht, commenting on the three-day process, called it "interesting" that this, the last arena-style registration for UNO, was "by far the best, in terms of smoothness and ease of getting through."

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The last arena-style registration was celebrated with punch, cookies, UNO dignitaries — and an "instant celebrity," the last Fieldhouse registrant.

But, Gerbracht said, it was not without problems, specifically the usual one of closed classes. However, according to Gerbracht, there is little that can be done to alleviate that, "operating within the limited resources we have to offer classes." He said the problem is most severe in areas where demand is particularly high, such as engineering, math and computer sciences and freshman English.

The number of students registered for the fall semester will not be available until sometimes this week. However, judging from the "flow of traffic," Gerbracht estimated it to be "about the same as last fall."

When asked their version of fall registration, students offered a variety of responses. For freshman Bonnie Bacon, "it went very easily." Although she was unable to get two of the

classes she wanted, she was able to substitute others. "I'm very impressed," Bacon said.

Graduate student Greg Huff was also satisfied. The accounting major said he had attended UNL for the part four years and, compared to registration there, he was impressed with how much smoother it went at UNO. "Everything closes out so much faster (at UNL)," said Huff, describing his experience here as "a breath of fresh air."

Registration posed no problems, either, for Sharon Eden, a senior microbiology major. "It was much easier this year," she said, adding "as a freshman it was almost a nervous breakdown." She did say she thought the experience "may be useful preparing students for the real world."

However, not all students responded so favorably. Sophomore Peter Burch said, "I didn't get anything I wanted." Consequently, he said, he had to take electives, "something I'm used to doing." He was able to pick up one class he wanted, but only by taking it downtown at the Kiewit Center, which not only causes extra driving for him, but also costs more.

"I haven't ever taken what I wanted to take," Burch said. He still has not been able to take freshman English. "I really think if there is that much of a demand, they should offer more sections of it," he said.

Burch said because he also works, he has difficulty fitting classes around his work schedule.

Part of his difficulty in getting the classes he wanted was the result of his being out-of-town during his assigned registration time and having to come in later. Avoiding the three-to-four hour delay, he said "probably would have made a difference."

Jane Wolbach also met with difficulty when she registered for fall classes. "It didn't go well, because I didn't get the classes I needed," she said. Wolbach, who said she had never had problems before, expressed concern because she is a pre-pharmacy student and, "I need to start at the Med Center next year." Difficulty in getting the required classes, she said, could delay that. She said it was "scary" to think of the same thing happening again next semester.



—Roger Tunis

Ironically, the last arena-style campus registration went smoother than ever, according to campus officials.

Spring registration to begin before Thanksgiving

By SUSAN KUHLMANN

When John Muller turned in his registration packet shortly after 3 p.m. last Friday, and headed for the Fieldhouse exit, he was stopped and congratulated by Registrar William Gerbracht.

"My friend," Gerbracht said, "you have a real distinct honor. Since you are the last person to go through registration in the Fieldhouse, you have the privilege of being the first to register in the spring, (when UNO will begin registration by computer)."

"That's great," Muller said, "that'll make it a lot easier."

Muller then became an "instant celebrity," surrounded by television cameras and microphones. The sophomore business major told reporters registration had gone "pretty good" for him, but in the past, he has had difficulty getting all the classes he wanted. "The way it is set up," Muller said, "it just doesn't work."

As it turned out, Muller wasn't the last person to actually register for the fall semester. He explained that he had gone through the process earlier that morning, but, because he had forgotten his check, he had to return on Friday afternoon.

The scene was part of a celebration, complete with punch and cookies and a number of UNO dignitaries. It marked a memorable occasion for UNO—the end of its final arena-style registration.

The idea originated in the Registrar's office. Becki Means, assistant to the registrar, said her husband had suggested something be done in recognition of the last student to register in the Fieldhouse.



—Dan Prescher

John Muller

She thought of the plan allowing that student to be first in line when computerized registration was initiated for the spring semester. Gerbracht approved the plan, as did Richard Hoover, vice chancellor for Educational and Student Services.

Hoover called the occasion "a historic moment for the university," and said getting computerized registration is a project he has been working on since he arrived at UNO in 1980. He said Chancellor Del Weber has also been supportive of the project, and it has become a reality "because of his help."

Spring registration, according to Gerbracht, will actually begin in November. He explained that during a three-week period students will be invited to come in to take advantage of early registration. The schedule for registering will be similar to the current plan, based on Social Security numbers.

Students will work with a computer terminal operator to request the classes they wish to take. The information will then be entered into the computer and, if no conflicts result, the student will receive a copy of his schedule in a matter of seconds.

A \$25 fee will be assessed for the service. Gerbracht explained that taking advantage of the opportunity is optional, but for those who choose not to, the only classes available in January will be those left over.

Following the November registration, students will be mailed a confirmation form and a bill for their tuition deposit (\$250 less the \$25 early registration fee), to be returned before Dec. 13.

Gerbracht said students who fail to confirm their registration or pay the balance, will lose the benefits of early registration, and will have to register again the week before classes start in January.

Those who do return the forms on time need only to show up for class in January.

Gerbracht said the new system will not eliminate the problem of closed classes. But, he added, it will enable department chairmen and deans of colleges to look at the pre-registration figures, and perhaps make adjustments in the schedules by adding or dropping some sections.

He said he doesn't expect the system to be perfect the first time, because "as in all new operations" there will be problems to be solved. But, he said, "We are very excited about it. It represents a lot of work."

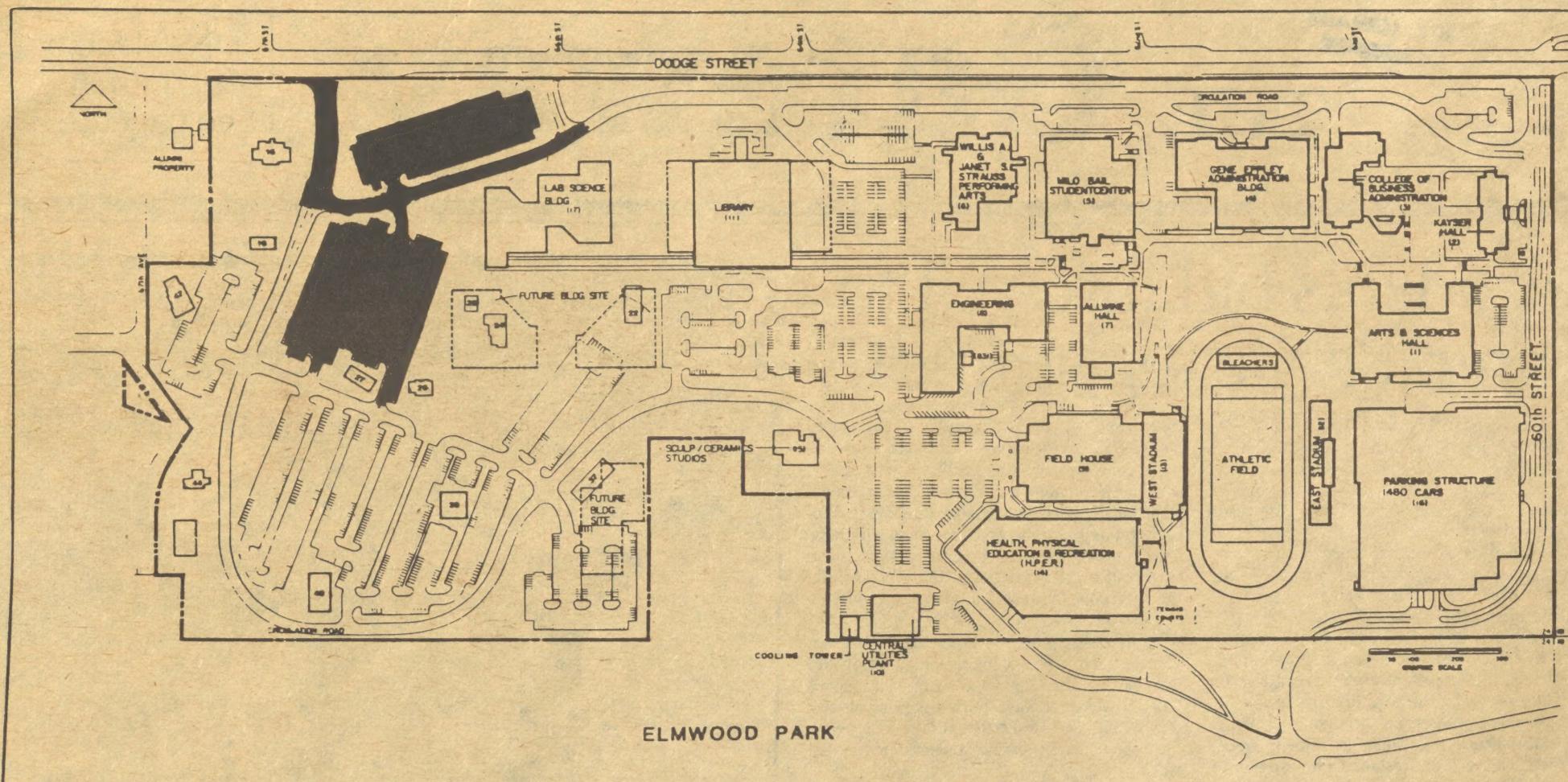
Hoover expressed similar expectations about the computer system, which he described as "more expeditious, productive and efficient."

"Mechanically, (registration) went extremely well — aside from the poor freshmen who came in (Friday)." —William Gerbracht

"It's not going to be without glitches," Hoover said, but added, "we hope people will be patient with us." He predicted it would take some time to work out the problems.

Gardner Van Dyke, assistant vice chancellor for Academic Services, also praised the system. He said its efficiency "goes far beyond the registration process." The system will also alleviate a great deal of paper work for the offices of admissions and, especially, financial aid. There, Van Dyke said, the staff is so busy doing paper work that it often has little time left to answer students' questions.

Looking ahead, Gerbracht said, "When it is fully operational, it will enable us to provide services like we never have in the past."



Lot W (dark area on the map) reopened for student and faculty/staff parking Monday. Due to the construction of the Lab Science Building, 66th Street south of Dodge Street is now closed. Drivers can gain access to Lot W via 67th Street.

New campus parking spaces finished just in time

Some of this summer's lost parking spaces were regained this week with Monday's reopening of Lot W on the northwest side of campus.

According to George Money, assistant director of Facilities Management and Planning, rain Thursday evening and Friday morning did little to delay completion of that portion of UNO construction. By Friday, Money said, Lot W was paved from Dodge Street to Annexes 26 and 27 (Army ROTC / The Gateway offices and Public Administration, respectively). Sidewalks were poured Friday and Saturday, and parking spaces were marked Sunday.

"Campus Security is setting up the parking," said Money.

"I just see that the lots are built."

According to a memo from Charles Swank, chief of Campus Security, Lot W parking will be open to students, faculty and staff. Signs posted on some areas of the lot say that cars with student permits will be allowed to park from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Cars with faculty/staff stickers will be allowed to park in Lot W from 1 to 10 p.m. In other areas of Lot W, faculty and staff will have access to parking from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., with students admitted after 1 p.m.

Access to Lot W will be from 67th Street south of Dodge, said Money. Monday, 66th Street south of Dodge (South Elmwood Road) was closed for construction of the Lab Sci-

ence Building. About three-fourths of Lot X, just west of the Library, has been closed for construction of the building.

The remaining portion of Lot X will stay open for parking. Vehicles can still go through Lot X to reach the west side of campus.

Drivers who need to reach the southwest side of campus (Annexes 22, 24, 37, 39, 40, 44 and 45) can go through Lot W between Annexes 26 and 27 on to an unpaved rough road currently under construction, Money said.

Although Money said the parking garage behind Arts and Sciences Hall on the southeast side of campus was ahead of schedule, no new completion date has been set.

Faculty morale, UNO's public image topics at retreat

By DAN PRESCHER

The UNO Faculty Senate sharpened its pencils and wrote out its goals for the 1985-86 academic year during a retreat at the Regency West motel Friday.

In his opening remarks, Faculty Senate President Hugh Cowdin asked the senate's various committees to consider the problems of faculty morale and the public image of UNO in the preparation of their specific goal statements. He said these topics would be of concern not only in the coming year, but likely in the next several years as well.

One reason for the problem of faculty morale was the absence of salary increases in the NU Board of Regents budget guidelines for 1986-87. In his report to the Senate, Vice President B. J. Reed indicated that the Regents had decided July 27 to wait and see what pay proposals would be for other state employees during the next fiscal year and submit requests for a sim-

ilar amount.

He did say NU President Ronald Roskens had proposed making two requests: one for a cost of living adjustment equal to that of other state employees, and a separate request to enhance faculty salaries above that amount.

Reed said Roskens' proposal would raise the extra funds needed for the increase through a tuition increase at UNL and the Medical Center.

Reed said it was particularly important that no tuition increase had been proposed for UNO. He said it amounted to the first recognition by the regents that UNO's tuition is already at or above the rates of its peer institutions.

Responding to concern expressed over the effect of no tuition increase in the next fiscal year, Reed said UNO Chancellor Del Weber told the regents on July 27 that any increase in the 1986-87 budget would be met with state general funds and would not mean a budget re-

duction from UNO.

After meeting in committees to assemble their statements, the senate presented their proposals for directions and goals to the president:

—Ken Bales of the Academic and Curricular Affairs Committee said continuing attention will be paid to faculty consultation in academic matters and cultural diversity in university curricula.

—Ella Jane Bailey said the Educational Resources and Services Committee will continue meeting with Vice-Chancellor Hoover to coordinate their work with his department. She said they will also continue investigating the regulations used by UNO Purchasing when making large acquisitions, and survey and evaluate the equipment and services of the UNO Audio Visual department. She also proposed studying the possibility of a clearing house for microcomputer software on campus.

—Wayne Glidden said the Goals and Directions Committee was particularly concerned with some sort of workload credit release for faculty serving on the senate. He wondered if the Faculty Senate had a future without finding a way to reduce the academic workload of faculty who must also devote time to senate duties.

He also said the committee would study the problems of faculty adjustment to the growing proportion of non-traditional students on the UNO campus, and to computerized registration and record keeping.

—William Corcoran of the Personnel and Welfare Committee said the committee will continue its study of employment conditions of part-time faculty. The investigation of temperature and ventilation control policies on campus, which he said affected the performance of faculty and students, will also continue.

He said the committee will also continue to (continued on page 6)

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Weber says 'funding pendulum' poised for upswing

By DAN PRESCHER

UNO Chancellor Del Weber had some gloomy economic news for representatives at the Faculty Senate Retreat Friday, but tempered the news with his opinion that the "funding pendulum" had reached its lowest point and may be ready to swing up again.

Speaking before faculty senators at Regency West Motel, Weber concentrated on UNO's 1985-86 budget, the 95/5 exercise designed to select programs for possible reductions and the mood of the state concerning increases in expenditures for higher education. While most of the news was bad, Weber was optimistic about UNO's ability to deal with financial problems.

"I encourage you not to spend too much time worrying about budgetary pressures of the moment," Weber said. "We'll get by one way or the other. But we are dealing with a very realistic, tough situation."

Budget figures presented by Weber showed a shortfall in UNO's 1985-86 operating funds of \$775,563. This shortfall included \$553,463 less in state General Fund support than requested by UNO, \$157,100 in computer network assessment resulting from a separation of academic and administrative computing and an estimated \$65,000 in lost tuition due to budget cuts in UNO athletics.

Weber said this shortfall had been partially covered by reductions in state support for athletics, continuing studies and instruction improvement totaling \$298,000. The remainder was made up by temporary reductions in equipment purchases of \$13,472 and a one-time tuition surcharge expected to total \$463,128.

Weber indicated that, since the surcharge and equipment reductions were temporary, they would reduce the base of next year's budget by more than \$476,000.

Weber did indicate that there may be good news in the university's 1986-87 budget estimates, however. He said those proposals were important because, for the first time, the NU Board of Regents was recommending that tuition at UNO stay the same while recommending tuition increases at UNL and the Medical Center. Weber said this indicated recognition that UNO's tuition was already equal to or higher than that of comparable peer institutions, and the effort was being made to bring the rest of the university system up to the same level.

On the subject of the 95/5 exercise, Weber advised the faculty senators to take it very seriously. The exercise began last year with a request from the governor and Legislature for state agencies, including NU, to make budget projections at 95 percent of their current financing.

"It is a very real exercise with consequences," said Weber. He said there had been some "game playing" with the proposal last year, but declined to elaborate after saying only that it had not occurred on the UNO campus.

Weber said that it had been originally intended as a review process when proposed by State Sen. Jerome Warner, of Waverly.

"We have been assured by Sen. Warner that it was a review process and a review process only and I think he really believed that . . . he's a man of considerable integrity and sincerity. But I think the situation's changed. We're now moving into a situation where it looks like the budget next year is going to be every bit as tight as this one, perhaps even tighter, so it starts to take on meaning."

Weber did say that some different options were being discussed this year on how to target reductions. He said that proposals included emphasis on academic program review coupled with a look at administrative costs and state-wide teacher education, continuing and vocational education, nursing and public extension programs.

"Those discussions are still under way with Sen. Warner," he said, "but in my judgement they represent a step in the right order. It would provide for a more systematic look at institutions than for chancellors, deans and vice-chancellors to pick and choose according to criteria that was never satisfactory to everyone."

In assessing the mood of the state, Weber said he felt that, unlike some who say the economy is a false issue in Nebraska, there is real economic trouble in the state. He said people in towns like Fremont and Kearney were shedding their financial burdens not because they were broke, but because they feared for the future of Nebraska's industries.

Weber said while the state shows a rise in personal income, the figures are skewed by the state's major metropolitan areas, Omaha and Lincoln. He called Nebraska a state with a large proportion of wealthy people concentrated in small areas. This compounds the problem of a state service industry growing

faster than the national average, which he maintained did not provide the same tax revenue as sales taxes on manufactured goods.

Add to this, said Weber, a governor who wants to restructure and reduce higher education, a public that wants to hold the line on taxes, and a legislature that will go into its next session with \$81 million already committed (none of which is ear-marked for education except a proposed 5 percent salary increase), and the mood of the state towards increased spending on higher education can be guessed fairly easily.

Weber said the mood was also affected by the lack of a coordinating board for higher education. Saying that the Nebraska Post-Secondary Education Board never had any teeth, Weber maintained that the role of a coordinating board was being filled by the Appropriations and Education committees in the State Legislature.

In the face of all this, Weber said that he believed the pendulum theory applied to funding for higher education. He indicated that the pendulum, in his opinion, was at the bottom of a cycle, and that it would start an upswing. However, he did not indicate when he thought that swing would begin.

Finishing on a different note, Weber closed by saying the compromises reached by the NU Board of Regents to keep the pharmacy and nursing schools open were not an easy way out of the problem, as some newspaper editorials had said. "I sat and watched much of that process," he said, "and it was not an easy decision. People who say that are not being fair to the regents. They tried to do what they thought was best for the people of the state."

On faculty for 23 years, history professor dies of heart attack

Funeral services were held Monday for Ert J. Gum, a UNO history professor. Gum, a faculty member for 23 years, died Thursday of a heart attack suffered on campus.

Gum came to UNO in 1962 as a visiting professor of history. Later, Gum became a full professor. His teaching field included modern European history with a research specialization in the French Revolution and the Napoleonic era.

His published work included "LaSalle and the Historians" in *The East Texas Historical Journal*, and "Napoleon: The Phoenix of the Revolution" in *Fighting Men: Western Military Heritage*.

Gum was a member of the Academic Standards and Admissions Committee, the Faculty Senate and the Milo Bail

Student Center Advisory Committee. He was the chairman of the Missouri Valley History Conference from 1964 to 1967, and was the program chairman of the European Studies Conference for two years.

He was active in professional organizations including the Royal Historical Society and the Southern Historical Association.

Born in Oklahoma in 1923, Gum served in World War II and continued his education after the war. He earned a bachelor's degree from Kansas Wesleyan University in 1954 and his master's from the University of Colorado in 1956. He completed his doctorate degree at Louisiana State University in 1963.

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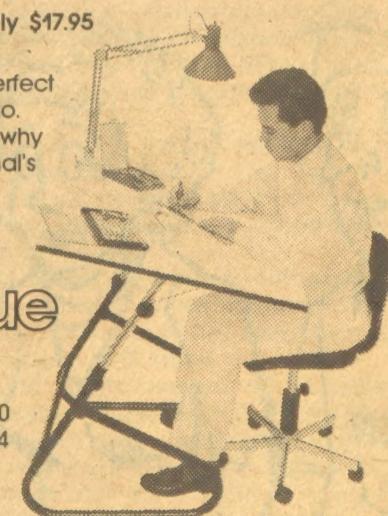
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A recent "Cathy" comic strip put the situation in perspective for me. The title character is sitting at her desk at work, struggling to get a major project done. In the meantime, the phone keeps ringing and people keep walking into her office. All the intruders want her to drop everything and wait on them.

"All I want is a minute of your time," they tell Cathy. "It'll just take a second."

In the final panel, Cathy sits alone at her desk. "Every day I battle giants and get defeated by bugs," she sighs.

The same problem seems to come up for everyone, sooner or later. Nuclear war? Grade point average going down the tubes? No problem. War? Death? Destruction? No big deal.

But let something really stupid happen—a MAT bus driver refusing to accept a transfer because that's what he feels like doing (even though I made the identical transfer at the identical spot the day before), a broken shoelace, an accident ending with half a Goodrich malt landing inside a purse or briefcase — and the entire day has done to hell.

The truth is, most people have the ability to survive a major crisis. When the chips are down, the strength to find solutions to seemingly insolvable problems, and to survive another day, comes from somewhere. It's the little things, the missed buses, the broken shoelaces, that get us down.

Even those pass, though. Life goes on long after the last of the chocolate malt is wiped up and the last annoying phone call of the day has been completed.

As you go through this first week of classes and the small things get you down, take a few minutes and relax.

Save your energy for the major upsets in life. Don't waste it on bugs.

—KAREN NELSON



SOVIETS USE TOXIC CHEMICALS TO TRACK AMERICAN DIPLOMATS - NEWS ITEM

Letters

To the Editor:

In response to a copyrighted article which appeared in the UNO paper, *The Gateway* (Aug. 9), (the story) on blood donors implied people sell their blood merely for extra spending money. In reality, many of the blood donors are indirectly forced into selling one of the most important parts of their body — the very blood in their veins.

If an income survey was done on the people who sell their blood, chances are 80 to 90 percent would be poverty victims. It is ironic that workers in the richest country on earth can't sell their labor in this system because many of the corporations and factories have gone to foreign markets, therefore, they sell their blood to make ends meet. The exploitation can be greater in other countries because unions are virtually non-existent and labor laws are in infancy stages.

Blood donors are exploited because the blood is sold to hospitals and others at a mark-up of five to 10 times what the manufacturers of the blood received. In a nutshell, this parody illustrates how the United States has become literally a "Blood-sucking" nation.

Many people donate blood because they know that without this life-essential fluid, many people would die. As a non-donor, I hate to see this nation's poor, homeless and locked out victims selling their blood for a bit to eat.

The last paragraph of the article painted a picture of the social reality of this society. It is the poor who suffer more cases of hepatitis because of their twilight-zone existence. All of these negative social conditions are encouraged by a racist and selfish administration in Washington, D.C., which caters to the elite and powerful. It will become worse for many Americans, because this elite group is growing at a rate of 8 to 9 percent each year. Contrasted to that is the increasing number of poverty victims.

Many of the college students who give blood do so because of lower income status. When one reads that lower-income college students foot at least 50 percent of their college costs, while military governments in foreign countries get millions of dollars of free grants each year from our government, it proves that someone is mad. Any fool can see times are getting bleaker.

I would be willing to bet the Soviet Union could find the majority of the meek at many of the "vampire" stations and the feeding camps located in strategic places in our major cities. The quality of life is related to the quality of one's blood, and if one doesn't believe that, ask the Food and Drug Administration why it is proposing distinguishing paid versus non-paid donors.

A 'Jamal-Rashad Byndon

'Attack argument, not opponent'

To the Editor:

I would like to thank Diane E. Washington and Robert W.

Hicks Jr. for their lucid replies to my letter in *The Gateway* concerning apartheid. However, I do take exception to one aspect of Mr. Hicks' editorial; I expect no more, and certainly no less, of the journalistic courtesies I extended to the editorial I was responding to, or the courtesy extended to me by Ms. Washington. It's a simple rule: attack the argument, not your opponent.

Charles E. Dragon

Hiroshima/Nagasaki Day

To the Editor:

I want to congratulate you, the *Gateway* staff, Susan Kuhlmann and Roger Tunis for the fine story and photographs of the Hiroshima/Nagasaki Day events.

Your realization that the story was significant enough to merit front-page news was gratifying. Susan's writing was good and accurate. Unlike the *World-Herald's* coverage, she included the most important theme of why the *Hibakusha* were here — their plea for elimination of nuclear weapons. Roger's photo of the *Hibakusha* is also the best I have seen.

I also appreciate the fact that *The Gateway* has not shied away from covering controversial subjects like the nuclear arms race.

Diane Randall Mustonen
Omaha Freeze Campaign Director



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Op Ed

A little sobriety, please, regarding 'Seeds of Hate'

One is not necessarily surprised by the reaction which has been elicited by "Seeds of Hate." For the benefit of those who spent the past two weeks on Venus or in front of their MTV: "Seeds of Hate" was a segment on the ABC program *20/20*, which sought to expose that contingent in farm country which blames all the ills facing the farm community upon Jews, taxes, government, minorities, et. al.

Predicting the response was fairly simple. As Mr. Sheldon Filger of the Anti-Defamation League noted, the report bypassed such matters as "the flawed paralegal services and, in many cases, consumer fraud being perpetrated amongst our rural citizens," which are also among the techniques the new fringe uses to reach those farmers it does reach. As well, the report concentrated heavily enough upon the fringe and its most venal manifestations, so as to create the idea that the mainstream rural community is either benign about the whole business, or content to be silent abettors of the fringe.

But this does not mean the root premise of "Seeds of Hate" was (is) invalid.

There are those farmers, in horrible economic straits, who feel desperate enough to be receptive to anything which offers, on their own terms, respite from the real or imagined pain in their days. The fringe's speciality is bigotry, to which is added the perverting of religion and the perverting of cumulative American social and constitutional philosophy. It depends upon precisely those in horrible straits, and of fractious moral and psychological composition, for its survival.

More to the point: The fringe has moved from underground proselytizing to what amounts to the next best thing to warfare; unless, of course, one believes such things as weapons caches, gun battles instigated with duly deputized officers of the law, blanket declarations of war against the government of the

United States, and murders of young boys on farms are mere aberrations.

The fact that the mainstream of the Midwest rejects the foaming of the fringe is not in dispute, notwithstanding "Seeds of Hate"'s fleeting nod to that rejection. It is a rejection one ought to know by instinct. The Midwesterner has had an image as a stubborn embodiment of self-reliance, tempered with a wizened realism. This image, however, has often been elevated to the level of a romantic myth, with a certain degree of exclusivity.

The promoters of the Midwestern myth built the notion that nobody knows the meaning of good old-fashioned work and individualism better.

The elevators of the myth have built the notion that nobody, but nobody, knows the meaning of good old-fashioned work and individualism more than the Midwesterner. But the sensible Midwesterner is usually the last one to claim hard work is a commodity to be found nowhere except west of the Ohio River and east of the Golden Nugget Casino.

The myth, as opposed to the reality, has gone further than the proudest Midwesterner would have liked. The myth has gone far enough to proclaim that life on the line pray-rie was heaven on earth until that band of evil angels from Washington, with their fancy chatter, manners, and piles of papers and philosophies, started horning in on the Promised Land. The fringe has

bought the myth, at an inflated price, and it has mixed it up with a little old-fashioned anti-Semitism and a lot of new-fangled anarchism, into a brew some distraught ruralities think has a sweeter taste than Grandpa's vintage shine recipe.

And, it fairly takes one's breath away, to pick up a newspaper and notice one or another fringe element described with the preemptive adjective "conservative," before a description of its political "philosophy," as though the adjective will make for an easier swallow. But the description, which usually comes to the thorough contempt for constitutional prescription in the guise of misunderstood struggle, preempts the claim to conservatism.

That said, then, what were the greatest mistakes made by "Seeds of Hate"?

First, it made the mistake of not having set up the complete background to begin the piece, by presenting an overview of the farm crisis and the perseverance (read: sensibility) of the mainstream. Second, it made the mistake of too many interjections during the "text" of the piece, instead of simply permitting the fringe representatives and their foaming to expose themselves. Third, such little conclusion as ended the piece was devoid of anything resembling real perspective.

And, fourth, it made the mistake of having been reported by Geraldo Rivera. His technique — analogous to a sock on the jaw with brass knuckles — was not necessarily conducive to a story as treacherous in its contours as was "Seeds of Hate." This story required a reporter endowed with the gift of disinterested observatory powers, who could have seen it as it was and not attempted to prod it further than its own fences. Unfortunately, Eric Sevareid appears to be in permanent retirement.

—JEFFREY A. KALLMAN

Racial discrimination is still racial discrimination

Omaha Police Chief Robert Wadman recently responded to questions from some members of the city's black community regarding the Police Department's minority hiring practices and alleged institutionalized racism within the department.

Given racially — equitable testing procedures, skin color should not be a factor in hiring. If job applicants are given preferential treatment because of race, an injustice is advocated.

While concerns with minority representation within the department are valid, critics of the department should not overlook the progress

that has been made, nor Wadman's commitment to hiring minorities.

A.B. "Buddy" Hogan, president of the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, asked Wadman, "What are you doing, or what are you prepared to do, about institutional racism in your own department?

"We've never heard the chief of police come out and say, 'There's a problem with racism in the Police Department, and I'm going to go after it,'" Hogan said.

"A blanket statement like that would accuse an awful lot of innocent people of being guilty of racism," Wadman responded.

Currently, 9.8 percent of Omaha's police officers are black, down from about 10.4 percent before an all-white class of recruits was hired last month.

Under a 1980 affirmative-action consent decree, the City of Omaha committed itself to a police force at least 9.5 percent black.

Earlier this year, Mayor Boyle said the city would continue to observe the goal of the con-

sent decree despite U.S. Justice Department advice that Omaha was no longer obligated to do so.

And Wadman pledged never to let the number of black police officers fall below 9.5 percent as long as he remains chief.

This would seem to demonstrate a commitment by the city and Wadman to maintain black representation on the police force.

Boyle also said that Omaha can no longer give preference to black applicants since the police department is now more than 9.5-percent black. Boyle has the right idea.

Hogan said all of Omaha's black police officers earned their positions because of merit. This is as it should be.

The most qualified applicants — black, white or otherwise — should attain the jobs or promotions for which they applied.

Black police officers could help promote better relations between the Police Department and the black community. Black officers also could serve as positive examples for other blacks contemplating law-enforcement careers.

But Hogan also said "extraordinary action" is needed to correct the effects of past discrimination.

I am not sure precisely what Hogan meant by "extraordinary action," but if the implicit message was that job applicants should be given preferential treatment based on their race, an injustice is being advocated.

Given racially equitable testing procedures, skin color should not be a factor in hiring. Likewise, testing procedures that are proven to be racially discriminatory should be changed.

But job applicants should not be given preference based upon their race. Regardless of the color of the victim at whom it is directed, racial discrimination is racial discrimination.

Such discrimination impugns the abilities of those applicants, regardless of color, who possess the qualifications necessary to attain jobs and promotions.

Attempting to compensate for past racial discrimination with more discrimination is convoluted logic.

—JOHN MALNACK II

Television executives practice Wham-O! journalism

Low-cost, high volume items like the Hula Hoop and the Frisbee earn big dollars for manufacturers and retailers. Items have value as long as people are willing to pay money for them in our society. With this in mind it's not surprising that our television news has evolved into a product like those marketed by Wham-O!

Though not the lone molester of the first amendment, Roone Arledge typifies the Wham-O! news executive. After huge successes with ABC Sports, Arledge was appointed by the network to work similar wonders with ABC news. He has. However, the improved ratings have come at the expense of good journalistic standards. Our nation is in peril as a result.

Arledge's style reveals itself as a journalistic sham almost daily. Some months ago, *World News Tonight* broadcast fifteen seconds of videotape of a Lebanese mob cheering triumphantly as it carried the battered corpse of a three-year-old child through city streets. Anchorman Peter Jennings described the scene only as "an example of man's inhumanity to man."

On Aug. 16, *World News Tonight* showed film of a man disarming a bomb. The man had no protective equipment and the bomb exploded, setting him afire. ABC news made sure the man's cries of pain were not drowned out by Ted Koppel's voice as the anchorman paused before telling the audience the obvious — "It (the bomb) went off."

In both instances ABC was offering a form of perverse entertainment in place of information. This abuses the press's first amendment mandate to inform the public. Neither had any direct or indirect effect on the daily lives of Americans. In short both lacked sufficient news value to be reported, yet ABC opted to send the visually shocking over the airwaves.

Supposedly, newscasters act in the public interest, but money plays a big part. According to eminent journalist and media critic Ron Powers, local stations collect roughly half of their revenues from news programming and television networks garner roughly one fourth of their money through news. It takes little analysis

to realize that sponsors have an effect on what news is broadcast and in what way.

Sponsors are businessmen who base their decisions on how their money will best be spent. In other words, ratings determine how much money they will spend with which network or station.

People like Roone Arledge who choose to chase dollars with a brash disregard for the public interest encourage others to consider limiting the powers of the press.

Television executives, also business people, must be sensitive to the ratings since they largely determine incoming revenue. Up to now, editors, station managers and news directors have been left virtually unchecked by law regarding what they can broadcast. All things considered, they should remain so. But people like Roone Arledge who choose to chase dollars with a brash disregard for the public interest encourage congressmen and citizens to seriously consider limiting the powers of the press.

The two cited examples did not occur in isolation. Consider any number of reports by Geraldo Rivera, the carnival presentation of the TWA hijacking story, or the way Arledge shuffles different anchors to different cities for nightly broadcasts, which could certainly be done from one location. Arledge's application of his *Monday Night Football* mentality to the world of serious news does not change the nature of the news, nor improve quality of reporting. The packaging effort diminishes available time and money for bringing information to the public. While Roone Arledge is an easy target, he has plenty of company when it comes to selling news rather than reporting it. NBC

flew Tom Brokaw all over the world to photograph him in different cities as he stood with a microphone in his hand. Apparently, NBC felt insecure about Brokaw's entirely domestic reporting experience and therefore tried to create an impression of worldliness in promotional advertisements that a careless observer might accept.

CBS has admitted to cutting corners in its preparation of the report that alleged improper actions by William Westmoreland during the Vietnam years. Cable News Network (CNN), owned by the self-righteous Ted Turner, broadcast a sensational rape case live from New Bedford, Mass.

Perhaps the degenerating quality of broadcast news says more about those who watch it than those who report it. After all, CNN had tremendous ratings during the rape trial. ABC's *World News Tonight* has passed NBC and made gains against CBS in its ratings since Arledge took over. If the audience accepts poor products, there will be no incentive for suppliers to provide better ones.

Americans had better start to pay attention and tell their news stations and networks what they think. It is not just a question of ethics. Freedom of the press is high stake to be placed for wager. People like Arledge are gambling our freedom for their profit.

Legislation of what could be reported would be a damaging blow to our free society. The first amendment is the single block in the foundation of our nation that cannot be removed without causing the collapse of all others.

The speed of satellite messages and the pressure of money on the marketplace of news make the highest demands on the integrity of those involved in broadcast news. Our own freedom depends on receiving a free flow of information. To that end we, as consumers, must reject shoddy reporting. We must hold news executives accountable and tell them to leave the plastics to Wham-O!

—J. FRANK AULT

Provost to faculty: 'golden days' of education are gone

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cooperate with the chancellor's committee studying discrimination in the salaries of A-line

"There just aren't enough dollars for everyone to be a comprehensive research university any more."

—Provost Lee Jones

employees, work to make a faculty liaison with the American Association of University Professors functional, and continue working on a

professional conduct code for the UNO faculty.

—Duane Willard of the Professional Development Committee told the senate that travel funding would be examined in light of its importance in professional development. He said a closer look would be taken at the difference in per capita expenditures for travel between faculty members and members of the administration. He said interdepartmental knowledge-sharing and the question of faculty computer literacy would also be addressed.

The senate then heard from Lee Jones, Executive Vice-President, Provost and Dean of the Graduate College. Jones came to the NU system from the University of Arizona as successor to Howard Ottoson.

Jones examined the problems and challenges facing higher education in a rapidly changing

social and economic setting. Contrasting the current state of education with the situation in the 1960s, Jones said those "golden days" were gone for good. With all the good that increased enrollment and funding did for higher education in the 60s, Jones said the funding and student gluts caused a loss of direction in post secondary institutions.

"There just aren't enough dollars for everyone to be a comprehensive research university any more." Jones said that focusing on a definite mission for an institution, be it a two-year, four-year, masters- or doctorate-granting institution, was essential in the 80s and 90s.

Jones said the most important consideration now is for long-range planning in higher education. He said demographics would change, enrollment figures would rise and fall along with

funding, and said it is necessary for institutions to take a look at providing the services they were meant to perform.

He used as an example the difference in strategies between Japanese and American industry. The Japanese, he said, have increased productivity over the past several years by 15 percent a year. In contrast, the United States' best year showed 3-percent growth. He said this was because the Japanese were willing to take losses in the short run to come out ahead, while American industry strove only to provide an increase in the next quarter to keep its stockholders happy.

"The same applies in education," said Jones. "It's not easy, but if we don't do it, no one will."

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Baldrige tells grads mistakes not harmful to health

By KAREN NELSON

U.S. Secretary of Commerce Malcolm Baldrige told more than 500 UNO graduates and their friends and families to strive for excellence and "not let your standards fall." At a press conference after the commencement ceremony, Baldrige told reporters how the United States could improve its trade standards.

The native Omaha was the main speaker at the Aug. 17 summer graduation ceremony, and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Letters degree.

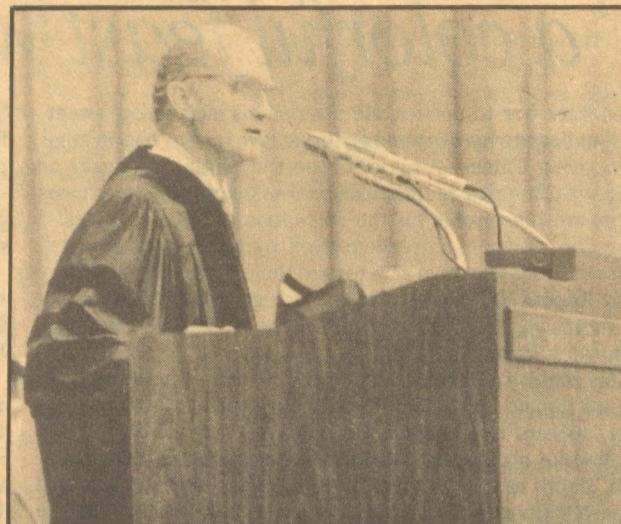
"You are going to be our leaders of tomorrow," Baldrige told the graduation audience. "It's true, like it or not. Sooner or later, people older than you will retire, die, or start a second career. You will be the ones responsible for running the factories, the law firms, the retail establishments, the graduate schools, cities, counties, and, yes, the government of the United States."

"You will be responsible for all that, and you will be able to handle it."

Graduates were also told to become participants in the world around them. "That's the best way to have some fun and excitement along the path we all take," said Baldrige. "I don't care what your job is — it's harder, more boring, more difficult not to care about other people."

"Head for responsibility," he said. "Run for it, seek it both inside and outside of your work place." Most of all, he said, people should not be afraid to make mistakes.

"The lower on the totem pole you start, the easier it is to make mistakes — and learn from them. That develops self-confidence. Making mistakes doesn't kill you. It's the very best



—Todd Wray

Malcolm Baldrige

way to learn."

During the press conference, Baldrige returned to another theme of his commencement address — the need for the United States to improve its trade balance.

The federal government, private industry and farmers would have to share responsibility for reducing trade deficits with countries such as Japan, he said.

"The states themselves — and city governments, up to about four or five years ago — didn't pay much attention to international trade. What we're seeing now is a real and growing

interest in how many jobs can be provided for the individual states by exporters, and how many jobs can be lost by exporters."

Baldrige said he would like the federal government to resist protectionism. "That (protectionism) is going to hurt the farmers. Perhaps two out of every five acres of farm land goes to exports. We simply can't have barricades and barriers to U.S. exports set up around the world."

To work, free trade must be a two-way street, said Baldrige, calling the practice of government subsidies for industry in other countries unfair. Other means for encouraging free trade included enforcing present trade laws and encouraging American industries to improve productivity and product quality.

Improving the quality of American-made products is "the biggest thing of all," he said. "We can talk about trade barriers, the dollar and so forth, all of which are important. But we're lost if we don't have American companies that are competitive, cost-conscious, innovative, quality-conscious."

Examples Baldrige cited both at commencement and the press conference included the present state of the automobile industry and the steel industry. However, he said the United States is ahead in telecommunications and "low tech" fields such as paper manufacturing and aluminum mining.

Other graduation news:

— William Gerbracht, registrar, was awarded the 1985 Chancellor's Medal for more than 30 years of service to UNO. Gerbracht graduated from UNO — Omaha University at that time — in 1949. His entire career has been spent at the university. Gerbracht became registrar in 1982.

— John Wingender, a banking and financing instructor at UNO, was awarded a doctoral degree from the University of Nebraska during commencement.

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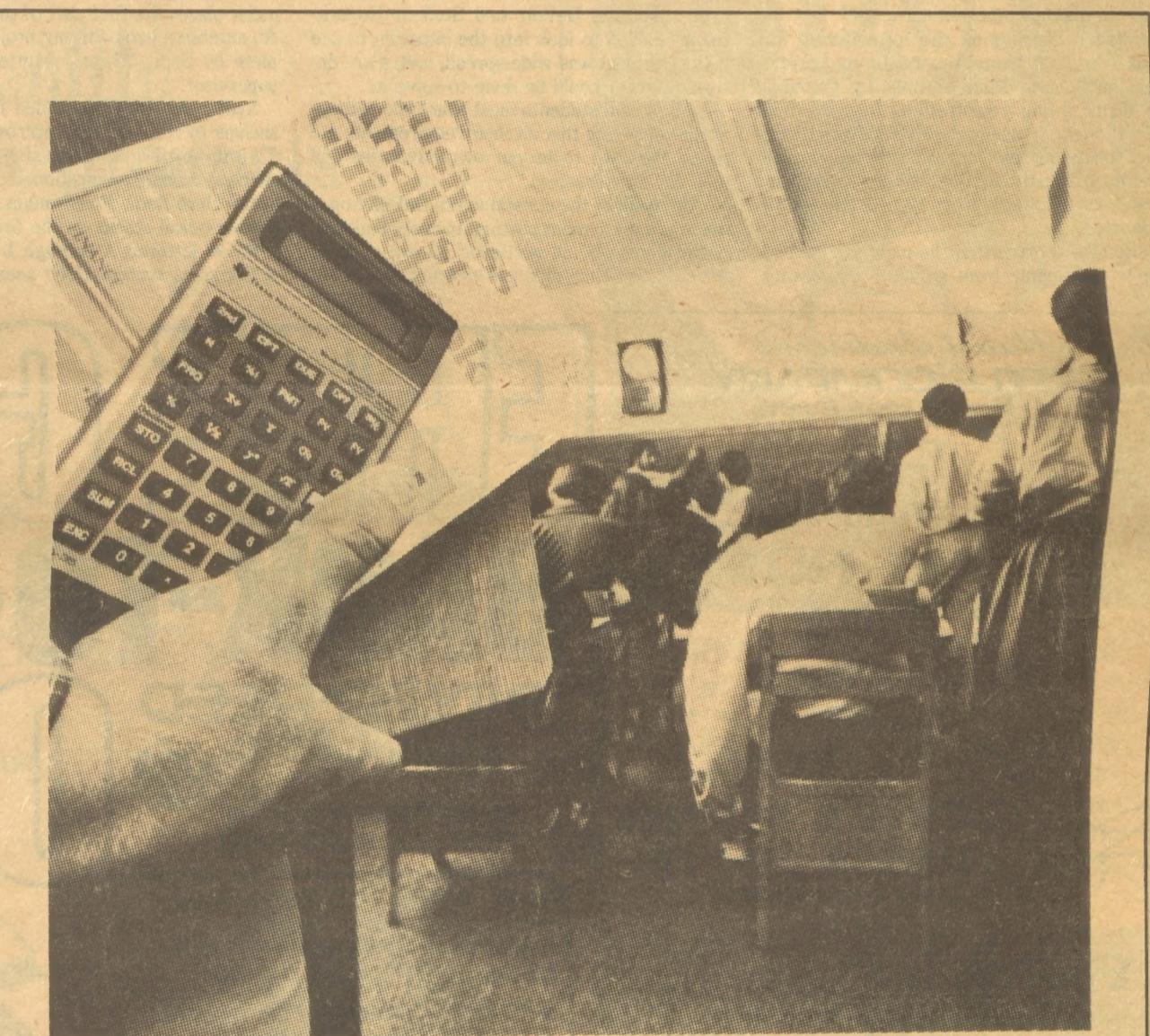
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Review

'Year of the Dragon' a colorful feast with no substance

Year of the Dragon is a colorful visual feast. However, the banquet consists of bright plastic food prettily arranged for a slick commercial.

The commercial is to showcase the talents of director Michael Cimino after the *Heaven's Gate* debacle. Cimino has an unsurpassed eye for startling, indelible images. *Year of the Dragon* opens with a Chinese funeral procession where the mourners are all dressed in white. From an underground laundry to the fluorescent-green jungles of Thailand, the cinematography shimmers like the brushstrokes of a masterpiece.

Unfortunately, the screenplay by Cimino and Oliver Stone is clichéd and predictable. A rogue cop is assigned to New York's Chinatown to clamp a lid on the youth gangs. He discovers the violence attributed to the gangs derives from a power struggle within the Chinese Mafia (The Triad). The rogue cop declares war on The Triad, his superior orders him to desist, and he turns the struggle into a personal vendetta.

Additional clichés: The hero is a Vietnam vet who refuses to

lose another war to politics. He married his high school sweetheart but despite his deep and enduring love for her has an affair with a young Chinese-American reporter. Nothing is really as wrong with America as the media makes it appear — our news sources are responsible for the corruption of historic values.

The film attempts to redeem itself by stressing the contributions of Chinese immigrants toward the growth of this country and by loading the main character with guilt about the way he uses those who love him. Despite these efforts, the story remains Dirty Harry material.

In his portrayal of the alienated cop Mickey Rourke is not in the least reminiscent of Clint Eastwood. Rourke is out of shape, pudgy, appears middle-aged. He talks and acts tough, but not cool. Rourke makes the one-dimensional character two-dimensional. Depth cannot be given to a character denied a soul and a sense of humor by his creators (Cimino and Stone), but Rourke makes the police captain seem almost human.

Juxtaposed with Rourke's intensity is the mannequin Ariane.

She looks all right as the ambitious reporter but she delivers lines and emotions like a pubescent Brooke Shields — a fashion plate lively as the dodo bird.

John Lone is a very handsome villain aspiring to be the Chinese godfather. He has style. *Year of the Dragon* is nothing if not stylish.

The movie progresses rapidly from one violent confrontation to another. The violence does not seem to be used primarily for shock value, the film is not gory. *Year of the Dragon* is basically a simple good guy-versus-bad guys film.

Artistically, the musical score by David Mansfield, the scenery, costuming and camera direction are of superior quality; the acting and overall direction are not. Whether Cimino is reinstated as the darling boy of Hollywood will depend on how much money the movie makes. It is obvious from *Year of the Dragon* Cimino knows how to use film beautifully; hopefully he will hire better script writers for his next picture.

—PATTI DALE

News Briefs

Satisfied with counseling?

Are most UNO students satisfied with the counseling they receive prior to registration? That's what Student Government wants to know. To find out, it is asking students to respond to a simple questionnaire.

It began distributing the form during last week's registration. According to Student President/Regent Mike DeBolt, by providing the form during registration the governing body thought it would receive a "good sampling" of responses from every level. He said students will have the opportunity to respond throughout this week, from 12 to 1 p.m. in the Student Center.

DeBolt, who originated the plan, said he had received comments from students expressing

dissatisfaction with their counseling. Some had learned just prior to summer commencement that they were ineligible to graduate because they had not fulfilled all their requirements.

In response, DeBolt said Student Government decided to look into the situation to see if the problem was wide-spread, and, if so, determine what could be done to solve it.

DeBolt said students must share the responsibility of seeing that all their requirements are met. "We have to be our own advocates and look out for ourselves."

One result of the questionnaire DeBolt hopes to see is a permanent posting, in every building, of the names of all academic advisors. Some students said they didn't even know who their

counselor was, DeBolt said.

Book shifting begins

Students looking for familiar titles in the UNO library may have to find them in unfamiliar places the first part of the fall semester. An extensive book-shifting project will be complete by Sept. 15, said Murle Sydow, stacks supervisor.

Sydow said UNO has added 1,600 three-foot shelves to relieve the overcrowding of books. Twenty-eight ranges (six-tiered sets of shelves), have been positioned on the west side of the third floor. Four ranges were set up in the periodical stacks on the first floor.

Books lettered A through L in the Library of Congress system UNO uses had to be re-

stacked. Subjects included philosophy, religion, history, sports, the social sciences, law and education.

The 32 new ranges cost \$32,000, Sydow said. There is no loss of library seating despite the new shelves. "Just having books doesn't do it," Sydow said. Studies indicate a loss of seating capacity cuts library usage, he added.

Sydow said UNO's library now has 114 million volumes. John Reidelbach, library collections, said the library receives a minimum of 12,000 titles each year.

The library rarely pulls a book from the stacks, Sydow said. For example, a 1942 manual on income tax preparation may lose its value as a manual, but increase in historical value.

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Take note of Performing Arts Center

By SHARON de LAUBENFELS

As usual, the Strauss Performing Arts Center will be the scene of many musical presentations during the 1985-86 academic year.

But the installation of a huge pipe organ in the recital hall has caused some scheduling problems, according to building manager, Dana Andreassen.

"We will not be scheduling anything in the recital hall between Oct. 15 and Jan. 15, because of the installation," Andreassen said. An organ commemoration recital will be held Feb. 9 in the Recital Hall.

Most events have been scheduled for one of the two rehearsal halls in the Performing Arts Center, or elsewhere on campus.

The events on the agenda so far are:

Sept. 22 — John Zeigler, Faculty Clarinet Recital, Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

Sept. 29 — Harriet McCleary, Faculty Voice Recital, Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

Oct. 5 — UNO Jazz Ensemble Concert, Student Center, 8 p.m.

Oct. 6 — UNO Choir Concert, Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

Nov. 3 — UNO Orchestra Concert, location to be announced, 3 p.m.

Nov. 10 — Jay Wise, Faculty Trombone Recital, Performing Arts Center, Room 105, 3 p.m.

Nov. 24 — UNO Brass Ensemble Concert, location to be announced, 3 p.m.

Nov. 24 — UNO Choir Concert, Joslyn Art Center, 8 p.m.

Dec. 7 — UNO Jazz Bands Concert, location to be announced, 8 p.m.

Dec. 6-8 — Madrigal Dinner, Student Center, times vary.

Dec. 8 — UNO Wind Ensemble Concert, location to be announced, 8 p.m.

Feb. 2 — Kermit Peters, Faculty Oboe Recital, Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

Feb. 9 — Performing Arts Center, Organ Commemoration, Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

Feb. 14 — UNO Wind Ensemble and Concert Band, Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

Feb. 15 — Honor Bands (High School) Festival, Student Center and Recital Hall, all day.

Feb. 15 — Honor Bands (High School) Concert, Recital Hall, 4 p.m.

Feb. 21-22 — Jazz Bnd Festival, Student Center and Recital Hall, all day.

Feb. 22 — UNO Jazz Bands, Student Center, 8 p.m.

Mar. 2 — UNO Choir Concert, Recital Hall, 3 p.m.

Mar. 9 — Clarke Mullen, Faculty Piano Recital, Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

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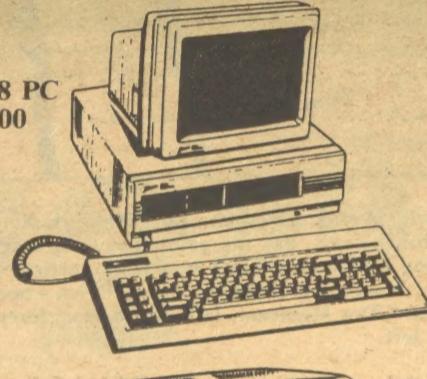
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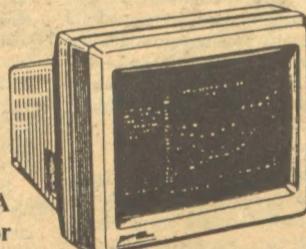


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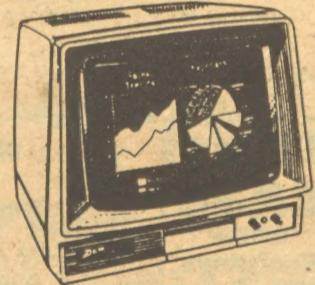


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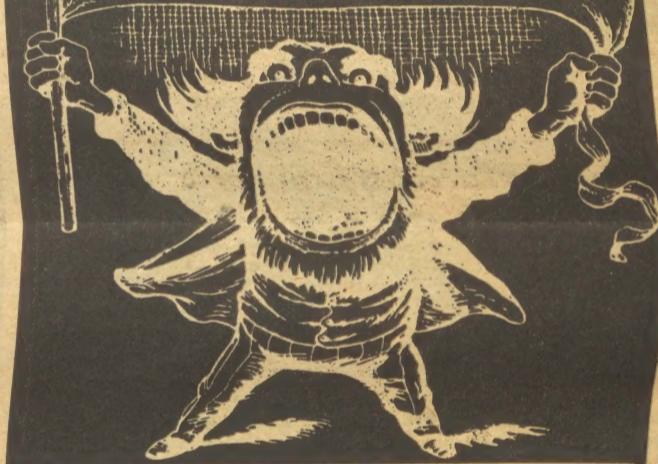
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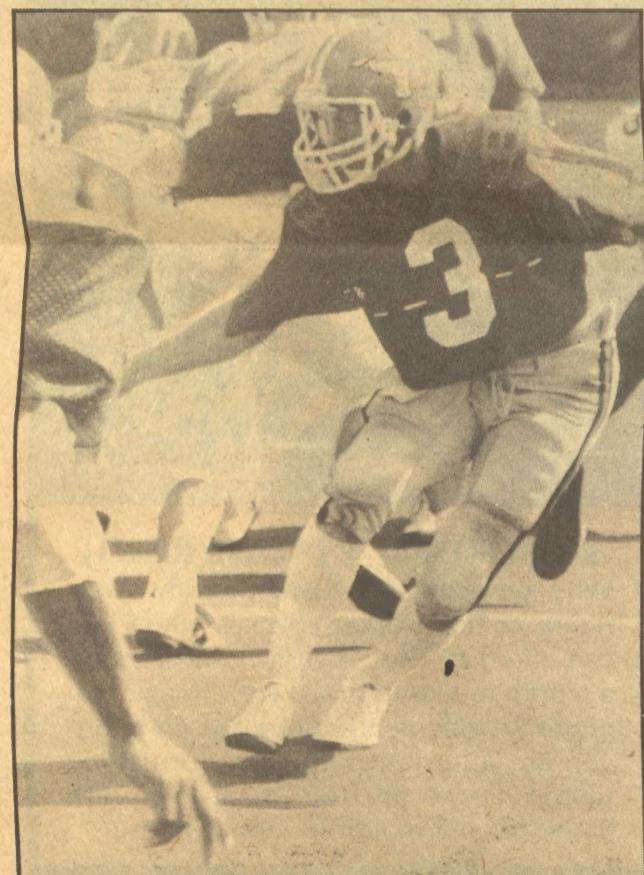
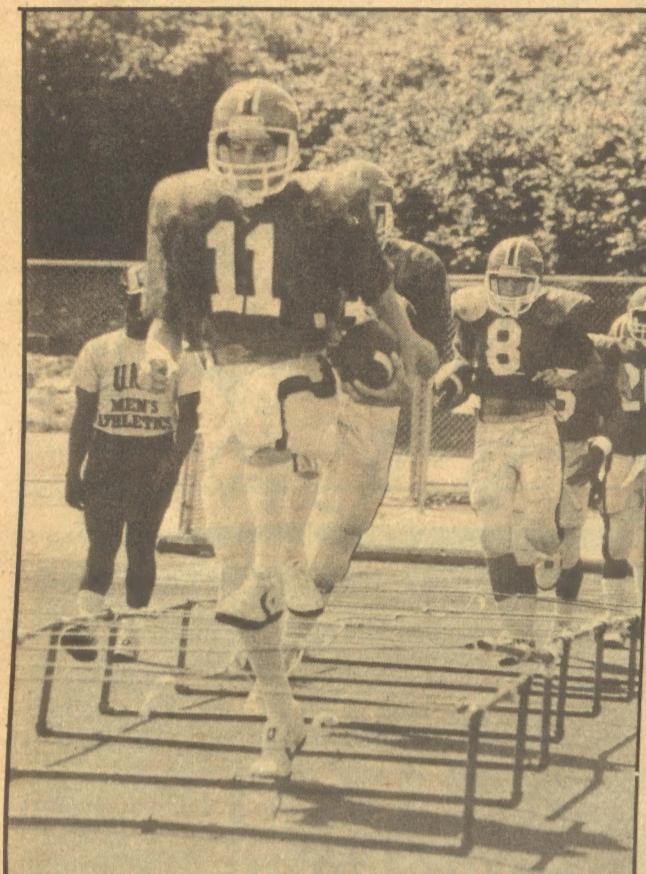
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Mavs getting kinks out 'and improving each week'



By ERIC OLSON
The UNO football team has found its starting quarterback — at least for now.

Scott Jamieson, a 6-foot-3, 205-pound junior from Fort Dodge, Iowa, was promoted to the No. 1 spot after battling sophomore Rick Majerus. Jamieson was awarded the starting job after his performance in the Mavericks' first scrimmage of the season.

Jamieson and Majerus finished the spring as co-No. 1 quarterbacks. Jamieson was redshirted last season after backing up Randy Naran in 1983. Majerus was the starting quarterback for UNO's junior varsity team last fall.

Jamieson and Majerus both helped UNO's offense in its improvement in the team's second scrimmage last Saturday. The offense passed for 244 yards and rushed for 218 in racking up 462 yards total offense.

"We are headed in the right direction," UNO coach Sandy Buda said. "We still have a ways to go, but we are getting better each week."

The No. 1 offense started scoring in Saturday's scrimmage on Greg Morris' 49-yard field goal. The first touchdown was set up by Steve Macaitis, who broke loose for a 48-yard run.

Mark Gurley followed with a gain of 10 yards before Jamieson scored on a three-yard run two plays later. The other touchdown came when freshman quarterback Todd Sadler of Mapleton, Iowa, connected with Omaha South's John Jennings on a 22-yard pass.

The kicking game was debuted in Saturday's scrimmage. Mor-

ris added a 38-yard field goal to his 49-yarder, and Jeff Smith and Kevin Todd booted field goals of 36 to 40 yards, respectively.

"We still need to work some kinks out," Buda said, "but the first unit offense and defense are developing very well. The running backs ran the ball yard and the pass protection is also improving."

Gerald Kellogg, a transfer from South Dakota, led all rushers with 63 yards on 10 carries while Gurley had 44 on nine attempts.

Russell Hines led receivers with three catches for 73 yards. Jennings caught two passes for 35 yards and a touchdown. Buda said he was pleased with his receiving corps.

"Hines and Jennings both caught the ball well today," he said. "Mike Zeplin, Don Carrey and Eric Robinson continue to play well."

Jamieson finished the scrimmage completing six of 15 passes for 53 yards and two interceptions. Majerus was seven of 18 for 76 yards and one interception.

Experience was a key to Jamieson winning the starting job. He led UNO to a 26-15 victory over Augustana in 1983 after taking over for the injured Naran. Then, in a 24-19 loss to North Dakota, Jamieson took over to lead a 19-point charge in the fourth quarter.

Majerus completed 23 of 52 passes for 273 yards for the junior varsity last season.

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Top left: Mav quarterbacks Rick Majerus, No. 11, and Kelly McClintic, No. 8, run the gauntlet during rope drills; at left, starting quarterback Scott Jamieson practices a deft handoff; above, Jamieson prepared to let one fly on a bootleg pass right as guard Tim Messman, left, and center Jerry Kripal, right, block left.

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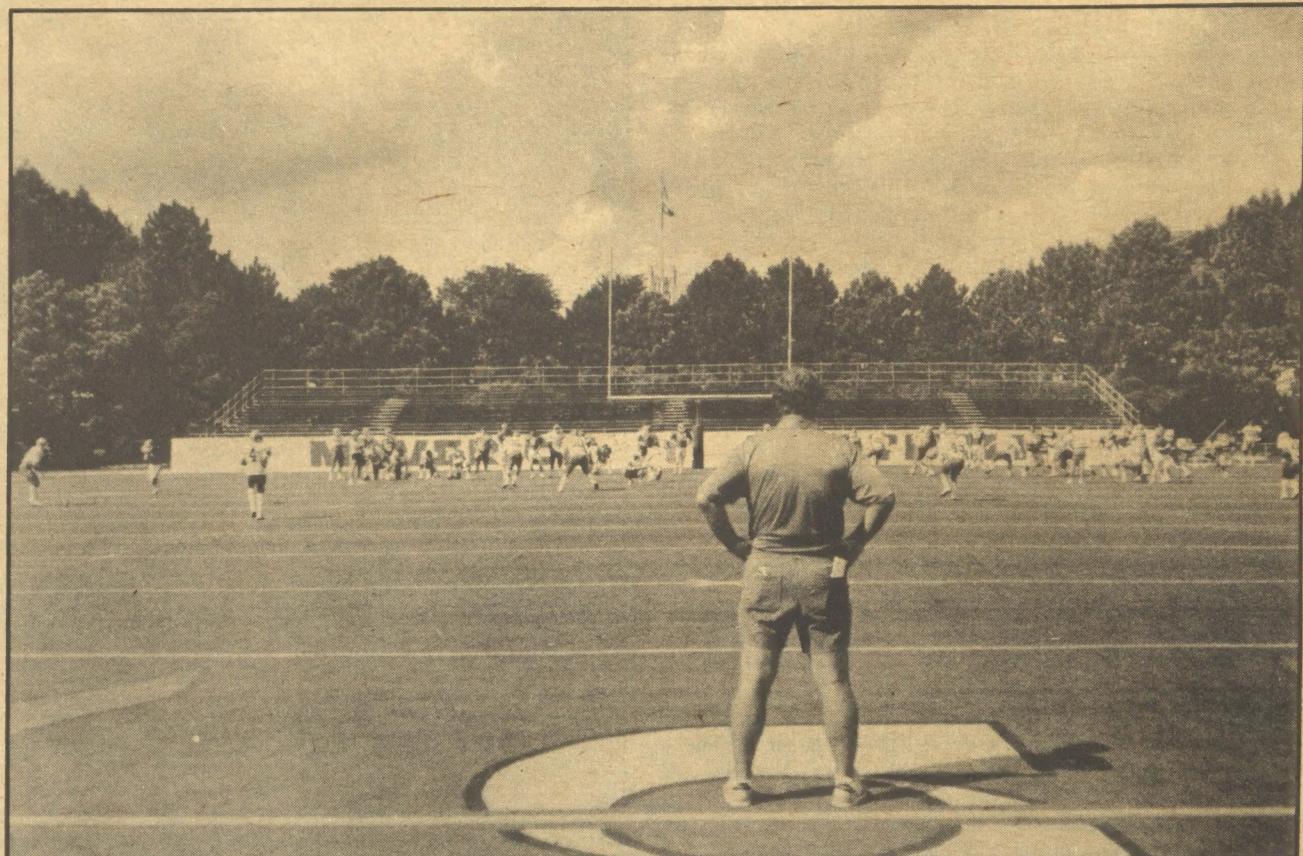
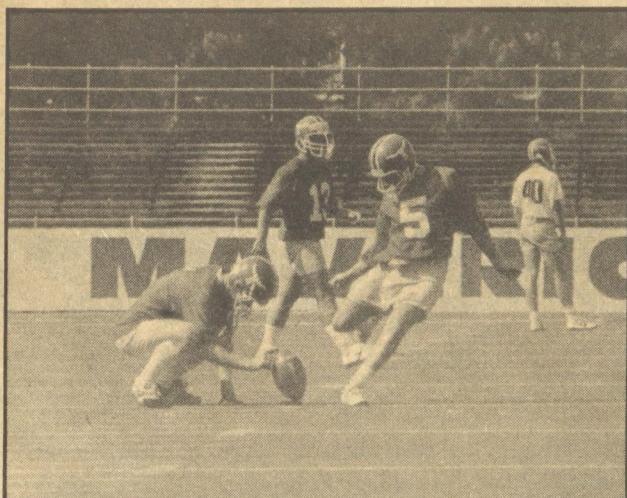
Offense improves during Mavs 'second scrimmage'

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"Both are intelligent and have good athletic ability," Buda said. "They will continue our tradition of having very good quarterbacks."

Sophomore Kelly McClintic is the No. 3 quarterback. McClintic walked on last season after leading Class B in passing his senior season at Schuyler High School. The 6-foot, 174-pounder completed five of 12 passes for 84 yards Saturday. He has 25 of 49 passes in the spring for 302 yards and two touchdowns.

The fourth-string quarterback, Sadler, was an all-state quarterback in Class 2-A at Mapleton. Saturday, he hit three of eight passes for 31 yards.



Practice is one kick after another for Greg Morris, left. At right, Coach Sandy Buda keeps a watchful eye on this year's Mavs during practice at Al Caniglia field.

UNO athletics receives first donation since budget cuts

By POLIDOROS C. PSERROS

The UNO athletic department will receive \$30,000 annually for the next two years from the College World Series (CWS) to help restore the baseball program. A CWS spokesman made the announcement Friday at a press conference at UNO.

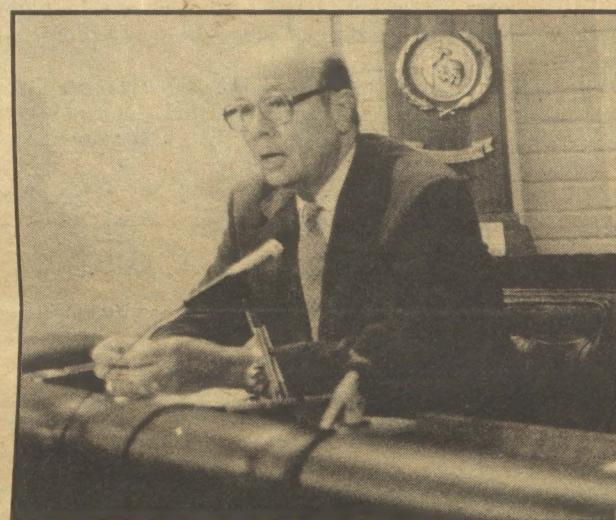
CWS Chairman Jack Diesing said he hoped the contributions "would act as seed money for UNO to raise more funds."

In June, the Legislature cut funding to intercollegiate athletics at UNL, UNO and the four state colleges from the 1984-85 budget. UNO lost \$366,500 — half of its total state athletic funding — and about 27 percent of its 1984-85 athletic budget.

UNO then dropped baseball and both the men's and the women's track and field programs. The cuts saved \$112,000; the balance of the lost money will be covered by the Board of Regents' approved 5 percent tuition surcharge.

"This is a very happy day," said Bobby Thompson, UNO acting athletic director. The CWS money is the first contribution since the cuts were announced. "It shows people that there are people out there that care."

Thompson added it would take \$60,000 each to restore the track programs and another \$30,000 to restore baseball for the spring. He was optimistic.



Jack Diesing announced the College World Series contribution at UNO's Hall of Fame Room Friday.

"We're going to get the money somehow," he said.

He added that a decision on whether or not to field a baseball team would have to be made soon to give the players time to prepare for the season. "We're losing time," he said. "We'd like to have this baseball decision made by winter."

Diesing said it was the goal of CWS "to support college baseball in the area."

Since 1972, CWS has contributed \$607,000 to Omaha-area college baseball programs. UNO has received \$137,800 — \$13,800 this year — to develop and maintain CWS Park, UNO's home field.

"Hopefully, the Legislature will reinstate the funds," Diesing said. Omaha has the NCAA contract through 1986 and Diesing could not promise funding beyond next year. The contract automatically renews itself Aug. 31. While he does not expect either party to break the contract, funding is dependent upon continued financial success of the CWS, something Diesing couldn't guarantee. But, he added, "If we have funds available, we're going to distribute them to UNO."

UNO is processing with its fund-raising program, Thompson said. "We've had a lot of people show some interest," he said. "Nothing we can talk about at this time."

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Coach's goal for UNO volleyball team: 'to be perfect'

By POLIDOROS C. PSERROS

After UNO's volleyball team had finished its pre-season schedule of two-and-three-a-day practices, Coach Janice Kruger told her players she thought they could become an excellent team.

"If we keep working hard, we're going places," she said.

For a team whose goal of "going places" is playing in Portland, Ore., Dec. 13-15 in the Division II Final Four Tournament, Kruger's words have a rather startling ring for August.

"It really depends on if the kids continue to develop," she said. She added that the team wasn't without its "question marks."

Although UNO had no seniors on its NCC championship team, three letter winners will not return this season. Angie Buckles had 102 kill spikes (scoring points) in 1984. She married UNO wide receiver Don Brummer this summer and will forego her final year of eligibility.

Sophomore Crystal Wever will become a third baseman candidate for the UNO softball team. Wever, a defensive specialist, seemed to spark the Lady Mavs whenever she entered the lineup. Her 68 digs were the third highest on the lineup, but Kruger said her emotional impact on the team was most important.

"We'll miss that personality, that bubblyness," she said.

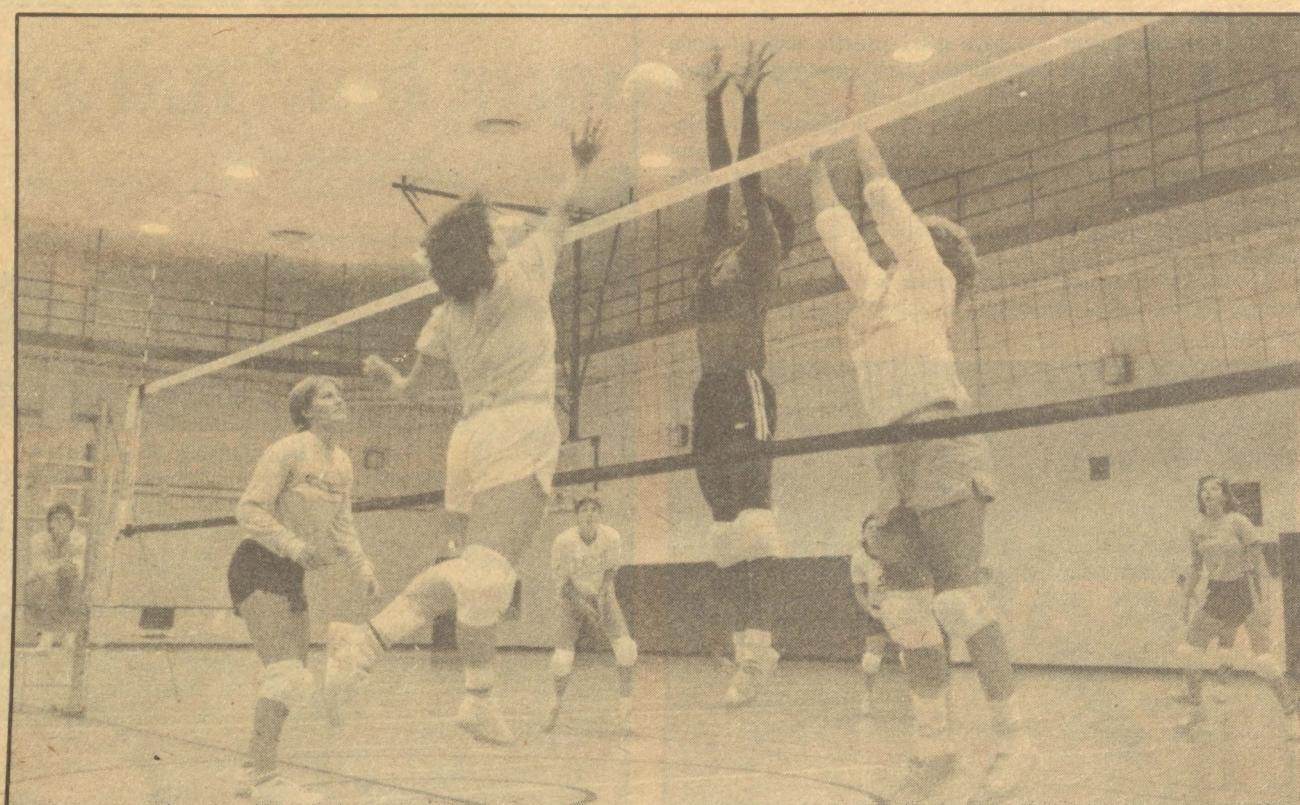
UNO also loses junior setter Eileen Dworak, who held the season record for most assists, 1,535, and the match record of 67. Kruger said Dworak decided to concentrate on her academic program in accounting.

Kruger said UNO will miss Dworak's experience in the lineup but added that she believes the younger setters Kim Hartwig and Lisa Lyons, shifted from the middle-hitter position, can develop. In July, UNO learned that 5-foot-4 sophomore setter Angie Oswald, from Fairbury, would be eligible to play after transferring from Northwest Missouri State (NWMS).

"She came in as freshman and did an excellent job," said UNO assistant Susie Homan, who coached at NWMS last year. "When she was on the court, she was in control."

Kruger recruited only one freshman, a 5-foot-11 middle blocker from Omaha Holy Name. Ruth Evans, who was named honorable mention all-state last fall, sparked her North squad to 15-12, 15-6, 13-15, 15-4 victory over the favored South squad at the Nebraska Coaches All Star game earlier this month. "She's definitely going to be a fine player in her time," Kruger said.

Lyons and Oswald have sparked the team during early practices. Lyons "has come a long way," Kruger said, adding she still has much to learn.



Kathy Knudsen (far left) looks on as Allie Nuzum (foreground) hits to Lisa Lyons and Renee Rezac (far right).

Oswald has impressed Kruger with her defense. "Angie has dug more balls up," she said. She added that a team needs "one player to push people on defense."

Oswald also has the advantage of a year's experience working with the No. 1 quick set, which Homan used last year and Kruger hopes to use it this fall.

UNO returns 92 percent of its scoring. Only seniors Kathy Knudsen, Renee Rezac and junior Allie Nuzum played in all 61 matches.

"I don't see anything real stable," she said. This year's personnel gives her "a lot of options," and she said "different people have different strengths." Kruger said she's never had a more versatile team.

"I see us using a lot of people," she said. She added there

will be a lot of people switching positions depending on the strengths and weaknesses of other teams. For example, Katy Ehrich, a fine defender and the "team's best passer," may assume Wever's defensive specialist role, she said.

Following the Omaha sportscasters' exhibition match Tuesday, UNO will scrimmage in the Fieldhouse Saturday morning at 10 a.m. UNO opens the season against Wayne State, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 4, at the Fieldhouse. The junior varsity match will follow.

UNO coaches have been disappointed by the inconsistency in the intensity level at practice. "We're working right now to keep a higher intensity level for longer periods," Homan said.

Kruger said they're trying to push the players to "be perfect in everything."

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